

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 33, 34, 38-40, 58, 59, and 63-65 were indicated as being allowable if amended to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, independent claim 29 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 39; independent claim 30 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 64; claim 33 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claims 29 and 32; claim 38 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claims 29 and 37; claim 58 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 30; and claim 63 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claims 30 and 62.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of pending claims 29-38, 40, 41, 57-63, 65, and 66 are allowable for the same reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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